

## Message Text

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TAGS: BEXP, BENC, SY  
SUBJECT: UNIVERSITY OF DAMASCUS TEACHING HOSPITAL

REF: USDOC 0830

1. BITAR RECEIVED HOFFMAN LETTER BUT EXPRESSED NO INTEREST, BECAUSE HOSPITAL WILL BE IN DAMASCUS. OTHER SYRIAN AGENCIES MIGHT BE INTERESTED COPS FOR PROJECTS SITED ON SEACOAST. AT PRESENT, FEW MAJOR INDUSTRIES ARE LOCATED ON THE COAST (EXCEPTIONS BEING REFINERY UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN BANIAS AND LARGE POWER PLANT PLANNED FOR SAME TOWN). WE ASSUME COPS SUBSCRIBES TO USDOC/TOP PROGRAM AND THUS IS ALERTED TO SYRIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS FOR COASTAL PROJECTS. WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO NOTIFY COPS DIRECTLY THE NEXT TIME AN INDUSTRIAL PROJECT ON THE COAST IS TENDERED. HOFFMAN MAY WISH TO VISIT SYRIA TO ACQUAINT OFFICIALS WITH HIS UNUSUAL TECHNOLOGY.

2. BITAR SAYS HOSPITAL PROJECT AWAITS FINAL APPROVAL OF PRIME MINISTER BEFORE TENDER IS LET. HE ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIVING MANY INQUIRIES ON PROJECT FROM AMERICAN AND NON-AMERICAN FIRMS.

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